

class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Caleb brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2016. While attending Perrysburg High School in Perrysburg, Ohio, Caleb was on the High Honor Roll and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Caleb was a member of his school's wrestling and football teams and earned varsity letters in both sports. In addition, Caleb participated in several mission trips in Ohio and West Virginia and served as Master Counselor for Demolay International. I am confident that Caleb will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Caleb Lipscomb on the offer of his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Caleb will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

CONGRATULATING GIRL SCOUTS  
TROOP 333

**HON. ED WHITFIELD**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Girl Scouts Troop 333 from Madisonville, Kentucky on their selection as one of the 2012 Make A Difference Day honorees.

Make A Difference Day is a celebration of the power of neighbors helping neighbors. Created by USA Weekend, this annual day of service mobilizes more than three million volunteers to create change in their community.

Nine Junior and Cadet Girl Scouts of Madisonville Housing Authority Troop 333 dedicated a second Make A Difference Day to seniors. In 2010 the troop did chores for their older neighbors in public housing. This time around, they decided to bring cheer to nursing home residents.

The girls decorated 450 greeting cards and wrote special messages for the seniors. They distributed the cards to residents in three assisted living homes and spent time visiting with each resident who received a card.

I am pleased that Troop 333 will be honored for their efforts tonight during the Points of Light 2012 Make A Difference Day Awards Luncheon at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center here in Washington. Please join with me in celebrating their outstanding service.

HONORING JOURNEYMEN LINEMEN

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize this day, April 18, as a day of honor for Journeymen Linemen.

Accordingly, I have introduced H. Res. 561 to recognize April 18, 2012, as National Journeymen Linemen Day in order to honor these brave men and women for their contributions to protect public safety.

Journeymen Linemen are often the first responders during a storm or other catastrophic event, which means these brave men and women are often required to make the scene safe for other public safety heroes. Linemen work with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines every day of the year in order to protect the nation from dangerous electrical currents.

The profession of Journeymen Linemen is steeped in tradition and family, both professionally and personally. Generations ago, Linemen climbed poles using hooks and blocks, but as technology has grown through the years, innovative Linemen have pioneered advancements with innovative materials, altering the direction of line work for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the extraordinary commitment and courage demonstrated everyday by the nation's Journeymen Linemen.

CONGRATULATING THE SHAW UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate this year's NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Champions, the Lady Bears of Shaw University!

As fans of the game know all too well, North Carolina schools have a tradition of excellence in collegiate basketball. That success became even more legendary in 2012. We have a new champion in our midst, the Lady Bears.

In some ways it's no surprise that the Lady Bears won the 2012 national title. They made the Final Four in 2011 and began the year in the top ten. But every season is different, and nothing in life or basketball is certain. I don't know what Coach Curtis did, but the season didn't finish as it begun. After compiling a 4–5 record in the first 9 games, the Lady Bears found their groove. From that point on, the team went 25–1 and closed the season on a 15-game winning streak. The Lady Bears went 15–1 in CIAA conference play, were undefeated on their home court, and won the conference tournament.

Then came the quest for the national championship. The Lady Bears beat West Virginia Wesleyan 92–78, Gannon University 64–59, Edinboro University 70–53, Pittsburg State 61–58 and Rollins College 87–71. The final game was as exciting and hard fought as they come. Shaw battled back from a 43–32 half-time deficit to force overtime. When the buzzer sounded, the Lady Bears had won 88–82 over Ashland University. Guards Sequoyah Griffin and Brittney Spencer led the team in scoring with 24 and 16 points, respectively. Center Aslea Williams scored 14 points and pulled down 11 rebounds, and Forward Kyria Buford scored 10 points and grabbed 8 rebounds. Reserve Guard Brittany Ransom also scored 14, providing the team with a valuable lift. The

Lady Bears ended the season number one in the polls and with a National Championship in hand!

Coach Curtis deserves special mention for leading this team to victory. He was named the Division II Bulletin National Coach of the Year and the Minority Division II Coach of the Year. But he's done much more than coach. Every single player who has completed four years of eligibility under Coach Curtis has graduated. True collegiate champions pair winning on the court with strong character and academic dedication, and that's exactly what Shaw has done. As an educator, I admire the academic focus that Coach Curtis has made an integral part of the Lady Bears basketball culture.

Mr. Speaker, it was a tremendous season for the Lady Bears of Shaw. On behalf of my colleagues in this body, I congratulate this team for their perseverance, their will to win, and their success in becoming the 2012 champions.

No. 20 Shemieka Brown PG Sr. 5–8 Salisbury, NC; No. 21 Kyria Buford F Sr. 6–1 Charlotte, NC; No. 2 Isayra Diaz G Jr. 5–6 New York, NY; No. 10 Sequoyah Griffin G Jr. 5–9 Columbus, GA No. 30 Crystal Harris C So. 6–1 Jersey City, NJ; No. 32 Ariel Hatcher G Sr. 5–10 Detroit, MI; No. 15 Allyssa Lane PG Sr. 4–11 Winter Park, FL; No. 22 Jashaye Magnum C Fr. 6–1 Miami, FL; No. 33 Brittany Ransom G Sr. 5–10 Columbus, OH; No. 11 Brittney Spencer G Sr. 5–7 Norfolk, VA; No. 3 Enonge Stovall F Jr. 5–11 Philadelphia, PA; No. 41 Victoria Tanner F Sr. 5–10 Raleigh, NC; No. 5 Aslea Williams C Jr. 6–1 Akron, OH; Head Coach: Jacques Curtis; Associate Head Coach: Carl Hatchell; Assistant Coach: Ashante Timoli; Assistant Coach: Jonas Richard; and Athletic Trainer: Sean Burton.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAROL SLOANE

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Lieutenant Carol Sloane for her 21 years of service at the Daly City Police Department.

Ms. Sloane was appointed police officer in 1990 and graduated from the Basic Academy at Butte Community College in Oroville, California. As a patrol officer, she trained new recruits as field training officers and was well respected by her fellow officers. She served as acting patrol sergeant on several occasions.

In 1994, Officer Sloan was awarded a departmental commendation for the arrest of three graffiti suspects. Four years later she received the same recognition for apprehending a homicide suspect. Immediately after a stabbing incident, Officer Sloan identified a suspicious person and through her investigation determined that the person was indeed the homicide suspect.

In February of 2003, Ms. Sloan was promoted to the rank of police sergeant. She graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute and was then assigned to the Management Control and Audit Unit where she conducted internal affairs investigations, departmental audits and served as the public information officer. Sergeant